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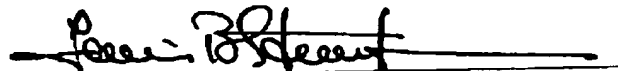
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CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

1 1. (Currently amended) A light cove adapted to be secured to a wall comprising:
2 top and bottom spaced-apart fasteners each separately secured to the wall for
3 enabling relative positioning of said top and bottom fasteners with respect to one
4 another both to provide a maximum ability to establish any desired positioning
5 therebetween and for accommodating any unevenness that may exist in the wall;
6 a panel section having a wall end and an end extending outwardly from the wall
7 end;
8 an attachment securing said wall end to said bottom fastener;
9 a support secured to said top fastener and to said panel section outwardly-
10 extending end for securing said panel section to said top fastener.

1 2. (Original) A light cove according to claim 1 in which said attachment
2 comprises a hinge attachment for enabling said panel section to be pivoted with respect
3 to said bottom fastener in the absence of when said panel section is secured to said
4 top fastener.

1 3. (Original) A light cove according to claim 2 in which said hinge attachment
2 comprises:
3 an upwardly extending articulation member coupled to said bottom fastener;
4 and
5 a downwardly extending articulation member coupled to said panel section wall
6 end and extending into said upwardly extending articulation.

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1 4. (Original) A light cove according to claim 3 in which said hinge attachment
2 comprises a pair of U-shaped channels respectively formed on said bottom fastener
3 and secured to said panel section wall end, and in which said upwardly and
4 downwardly extending articulation members are members respectively of U-shaped
5 channels, said U-shaped channels further providing a light seal.

1 5. (Original) A light cove according to claim 4 further including an overhang
2 positioned adjacent to said U-shaped channels to provide an additional light seal.

1 6. (Original) A light cove according to claim 1 in which said support comprises
2 a pair of straps telescoped together to provide adjustability thereto and a device for
3 securing said straps together.

1 7. (Original) A light cove according to claim 6 in which said top fastener includes
2 an elongated channel and a first of said straps includes a pair of tangs which are
3 adapted to extend into said elongated channel for enabling engagement of said tangs
4 with said channel.

1 8. (Original) A light cove according to claim 6 further including a latching device
2 coupled to a second of said straps and to said panel section outwardly-extending end
3 for enabling latching of said second strap to said panel section outwardly-extending
4 end.

1 9. (Original) A light cove according to claim 8 in which said latching device
2 comprises:

3 a U-shaped appendage secured to said panel section outwardly-extending end
4 and having an elongated flexible lip; and
5 said second strap includes at least one projecting bump disposed for snapping
6 over said lip and into said U-shaped appendage.

1 10. (Original) A light cove according to claim 9 in which said second strap
2 including at least one projecting bump includes two spaced apart projecting bumps.

1 11. (Original) A light cove according to claim 9 in which said attachment
2 comprises a hinge attachment for enabling said panel section to be pivoted with respect
3 to said bottom fastener in the absence of when said panel section is secured to said
4 top fastener.

1 12. (Original) A light cove according to claim 11 in which said hinge attachment
2 comprises:
3 an upwardly extending articulation member coupled to said bottom fastener;
4 and
5 a downwardly extending articulation member coupled to said panel section wall
6 end and extending into said upwardly extending articulation.

1 13. (Original) A light cove according to claim 11 in which said hinge attachment
2 comprises a pair of U-shaped channels respectively formed on said bottom fastener
3 and secured to said panel section wall end, and in which said upwardly and
4 downwardly extending articulation members are members respectively of U-shaped
5 channels, said U-shaped channels further providing a light seal.

1 14. (Original) A light cove according to claim 13 further including an overhang
2 positioned adjacent to said U-shaped channels to provide an additional light seal.

1 15. (Currently amended) A light cove [~~according to claim 1~~] adapted to be
2 secured to a wall comprising:

3 top and bottom spaced-apart fasteners secured to the wall, in which said top
4 and bottom fasteners are disposed for individual attachment only to the wall for
5 enabling relative positioning thereof with respect to one another both to provide a
6 maximum ability to establish any desired positioning therebetween and for
7 accommodating any unevenness that may exist in the wall;

8 a panel section having a wall end and an end extending outwardly from the wall
9 end;

10 an attachment securing said wall end to said bottom fastener;

11 a support secured to said top fastener and to said panel section outwardly-
12 extending end for securing said panel section to said top fastener.

1 16. (Original) A light cove according to claim 15 in which said attachment
2 comprises a hinge attachment for enabling said panel section to be pivoted with respect
3 to said bottom fastener in the absence of when said panel section is secured to said
4 top fastener and further including a light fixture having at least one light bulb adapted
5 to be secured to the wall and positionable between said top and bottom fasteners, said
6 light fixture being accessible for servicing and replacement of the light bulb when said
7 panel section is pivoted with respect to said bottom fastener in the absence of when
8 said panel section is secured to said top fastener.

1 17. (Currently amended) A light cove adapted to be secured to a wall
2 comprising:
3 a panel section having a wall end and an end extending outwardly from the wall
4 end;
5 top and bottom elongated spaced-apart fasteners each adapted to be
6 separately secured to the wall;
7 an elongated downwardly extending U-shaped channel secured to said wall
8 end;
9 said bottom fastener including an elongated, upwardly extending U-shaped
10 channel adapted to be coupled to said elongated downwardly extending U-shaped
11 channel for enabling said panel section to be pivoted with respect to said bottom
12 fastener in the absence of when said panel section is secured to said top fastener, and
13 comprising a pair of U-shaped channels respectively formed on said bottom fastener
14 and secured to said panel section wall end, and respectively including upwardly and
15 downwardly extending articulation members extending into their respective channels;
16 a light shield positioned between said top and bottom fasteners and adjacent
17 to said U-shaped channels to form therewith a light seal;
18 a support secured to said top fastener and to said panel section outwardly-
19 extending end for securing said panel section to said top fastener,
20 including a pair of longitudinally extending straps telescoped together to
21 provide adjustability to said support, and
22 a device for securing said straps together;
23 said top fastener including an elongated channel;
24 a first of said straps including a pair of opposite directed tangs extending
25 longitudinally with respect to said first of said straps, which tangs are adapted to extend
26 into said elongated top fastener channel when said first of said straps is pivoted from

27 being parallel to said top fastener channel to being perpendicular thereto, for enabling
28 engagement of said tangs with said channel;
29 a latching device coupled to a second of said straps and to said panel section
30 outwardly-extending end for enabling latching of said second strap to said panel
31 section outwardly-extending end, in which said latching device comprises
32 a U-shaped appendage secured to said panel section outwardly-extending
33 end and having an elongated flexible lip, and
34 a pair of projecting bumps in said second strap disposed for deforming and
35 snapping over said lip and into said U-shaped appendage; and
36 a light fixture having at least one light bulb adapted to be secured to the wall
37 and positionable between said top and bottom fasteners, said light fixture being
38 accessible for servicing and replacement of the light bulb when said panel section is
39 pivoted with respect to said bottom fastener in the absence of when said panel section
40 is secured to said top fastener, and
41 said top fastener, said bottom fastener and said light fixture being disposed for
42 attachment only to the wall for enabling relative positioning thereof with respect to one
43 another both to provide a maximum ability to establish any desired positioning
44 thereamongst and for accommodating any unevenness of the wall.

1 18. (Currently amended) A method for enabling a light cove to be secured to a
2 wall and for providing easy access to a light fixture shrouded by the light cove,
3 comprising the steps of:
4 securing a top fastener to the wall;
5 independently from said top fastener securing step, securing a bottom fastener
6 to the wall for enabling relative positioning of the top and bottom fasteners with respect

7 to one another both to provide a maximum ability to establish any desired positioning
8 therebetween and for accommodating any unevenness that may exist in the wall;
9 positioning the light fixture between the top and bottom fasteners; and
10 securing the light fixture to the wall.

1 19. (Original) A method according to claim 18 further comprising the step of
2 hinging a panel section at a first of its ends to one of the top and the bottom fasteners
3 and, at a second of its ends, releasably securing the panel section to the other of the
4 top and the bottom fasteners, for enabling the panel section to be pivoted about its first
5 end and, thereby, for enabling access to the light fixture.

1 20. (Original) A method according to claim 19 further comprising the step of
2 providing an interleaved construction between the first panel section end and the one
3 of the top and the bottom fasteners to provide the hinging therebetween.

1 21. (Original) A method according to claim 20 further comprising the step of
2 providing an adjustable connection between the second panel end and the other of the
3 top and the bottom fasteners.